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Maple Leaf pulls more products

LISTERIA Canada's largest meat-processing firm said it was following the new federal food safety protocol when it voluntarily recalled thousands of hot dogs yesterday — three weeks after the plant that produced them tested positive for listeria.

The recall, which involves nine brands of hot dogs sold across Canada under the names Maple Leaf, Shop's and Hygrade, is just a precaution, Maple Leaf Foods emphasized.

"After last August's tragedy, Maple Leaf is being ultra-cautious about listeria," the company's chief food safety officer Randall Huffman said.

Huffman was referring to the deaths of 22 people linked to a listeriosis outbreak at a Maple Leaf luncheon meat plant in Toronto last summer.

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Toying with G.I. Joe

Southgate Mall **Hanging out**



Marie-Josée Levesque with Cirque Fantastic performs at a sneak preview at Southgate Mall yesterday to help kick off the Aug. 5 grand opening of the mall's new expansion.

Alleged sexual predator arrested

JASMINE FRANKLIN
for Metro Edmonton

CRIME A 22-year-old man residing in Edmonton has been arrested after four sexual assault cases within the Millwoods area over a one-week stretch.

Between July 29 and Aug. 4, four women were allegedly lured by the sus-

pect, whose name has not been released, through social networking sites over the Internet, Staff Sgt. Brian Readman said. The latest assault occurred at 6 a.m. yesterday morning.

"When people use these social networking sites they need to use extreme caution," Readman said. "They are directly related to establishing a level of comfort

before meeting these women."

The suspect allegedly made the women feel comfortable over a period of a few days before meeting them in secluded locations, with the exception of one inside a home, where they were all sexually assaulted.

He was arrested yesterday around noon in the Millwoods area.

Desperate cries for freedom

Woman claiming to be kidnapped journalist pleads for federal help

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She's sick and will surely die unless the Canadian government attempts to free her, the pleading voice of a woman claiming to be kidnapped Alberta journalist Amanda Lindhout told a television station Monday.

"There's no one to take care of me here. I'm afraid I will die if I don't get help soon. I don't know how much longer I can bear this," she said to Omni TV on Monday.

"My government must have some duty to help me. I love my country and I want to return. I'm begging my government to please come to my aid."

The 28-year-old Sylvan Lake native and Australian photographer Nigel Brennan was captured near the Somali capital on Aug. 23, 2008.

Her captors are reportedly asking for \$1 million to ensure her release.

"The men that are holding me are very serious. They say if the ransom is not paid, they're going to kill me," she said.

Canadian Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Emma Welford said federal officials are aware of the call, but wouldn't comment on

"The kidnappers want their money and they're pushing these two journalists to get it." Daud Abdi Daud, Somali Journalists' Rights Agency

efforts in place to free Lindhout.

Salvadori Journalists' Rights Agency spokesman Daud Abdi Daud said the move maybe a sign her captors are growing frustrated with

inaction by the Canadian government.

"The kidnappers want their money and they're pushing these two journalists to get it," he said.

This isn't the first time Lindhout has made a plea for her rescue. Back on June 11, the frail-looking journalist pleaded for the Canadian government to help.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists says Somalia is "the most dangerous country in the world for journalists, outstripping Iraq in 2009."

The last killing was that of journalist Mohamud Mohamed Yusuf in July.



Lindhout

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An adoption blitz at the Edmonton Humane Society last weekend was a rousing success, officials say. Through the four-day event, 152 animals were adopted — 22 dogs, two puppies, 13 birds, 12 rabbits, 38 kittens and 65 cats, one of which was the longest-held pet at the shelter. **METRO EDMONTON**

Adoption blitz a success, humane society says

Local



Hoops tourney this weekend

Tie up those sneakers and get ready for some die-hard basketball Aug. 8 and 9 at West Edmonton Mall. Basketball lovers will gather for the fourth season of the NBA 3-on-3 tournament that takes place from June through August across Canada. Participants compete for cash and Toronto Raptors merchandise. Admission is free and there are a variety of activities. **METRO EDMONTON**

Folk Fest just gets better with age

A diverse lineup for event's 30th year

YURI WUENSCH
for Metro Edmonton

If you haven't already purchased a ticket to this year's Edmonton Folk Music Festival, will you never learn?

Full weekend passes are once again sold out. Best peruse the Craigslist or Kijiji classifieds, or park your butt at the main gate, if you're looking for last-minute ticket deals.

As of press time, the only tickets left are for tonight's Sarah McLachlan and Tracy Chapman Forever Folk Fest concert, a special fundraiser for the festival endowment fund.



Steve Earle

Info

• For more information on tickets and events for the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, visit edmontonfolkfest.org.

The rest of the fest boasts what may be the event's most diverse lineup yet: Arrested Development, Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings, Neko Case, Joel Plaskett, Steve Earle, the Wailers, ex-Barenaked Ladies singer Steven Page, Boz Scaggs and Spirit of the West, among many others — assuming the lineup actually matters that much to you.

At this point, the Edmonton summer staple would likely be a sellout regardless of who was booked, a credit to the reputation for excellence that festival producer Terry Wickham, festival staff and their army of volunteers have cultivated

ed over FF's hallowed 30-year run. Definitions about just what "folk" is have likewise evolved.

"One of the traditions of folk music is that it has always welcomed other musical traditions," explains Wickham.

"Granted, where the festival is concerned, it's not always an easy reach. But we've always tried to stretch our boundaries artistically and we always will."

Few people understood the folk fest better, says Wickham, than Edmonton arts writer and booster Gilbert Bouchard who passed away earlier this year.

"I remember driving in my car one day and hearing Gilbert talking about the festival on the radio," Wickham recalls. "He said something to the effect of it not being just about the music, but about how we're trying to build a utopia on the Gallagher Park hillside."

"I had never heard it said that way before and I realized I have always been reaching for that. We haven't had an incident in a decade, no fights nor thefts. We let kids in for nothing and my father, who is 87, will be there this year, so it's really for everyone. It is Edmonton."



Tracy Chapman

Playing around Enjoying the sun



As the rest of the week's forecast does not promise too much sunshine, Jian Feng and Simon Chan get in a quick game of soccer on the legislature grounds yesterday while the weather was still nice.

Warehouse fire arson: Police

DAMAGES A warehouse fire discovered by Edmonton police early Monday morning has been deemed an arson.

At 4:15 a.m. on Aug. 3, fire crews were called to the area of 93 Street and 62 Avenue after EPS on scene had been responding to an alarm set off within the building.

Investigators are estimating \$1.5 million in damages. **METRO EDMONTON**

Over 2,000 drivers nabbed on weekend

TICKETS The August long weekend brought much more than a vacation for 2,388 unsafe drivers nabbed by sheriffs.

Between July 31 and Aug. 3, members of the Alberta Sheriff Highway Patrol laid nearly 2,400 charges across Alberta, including 1,818 speeding violations.

Statistically, August has the highest rate of alcohol-related deaths and injuries. **METRO EDMONTON**

EPCOR has a good second quarter

JASMINE FRANKLIN
for Metro Edmonton

INDUSTRY EPCOR president and CEO Don Lowry was happy to report in a press conference held yesterday that EPCOR's second-quarter of 2009 was a strong one.

"It was a good second-quarter across all businesses," Lowry said.

"There were no environment incidents and zero

loss time incidents."

The second-quarter saw big changes this year. Capital Power was established as a separate company, an exchange that gained EPCOR almost \$2.7 billion.

"We couldn't support the water and power business simultaneously," Lowry said. "It's a win-win for Edmonton."

EPCOR still holds 72.2 per cent of available shares for CPC, while the remaining 27.8 per cent of shares

reside with public investors. \$30 million, of the \$150 million in shares were reserved for Edmonton alone.

Gold Bar was transferred to EPCOR, reuniting Edmonton's water and wastewater operation, a move that Lowry said is great for the company and the city.

For their third-quarter the focus will be on the impact of water and wastewater on things like the environment.

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CRIME The public is being asked to help find the persons responsible for the break-ins of eight vehicles between Aug. 3 and 4 in Morinville. All vehicles were in the underground parking lot of the Morinville Place, RCMP said. Damages included broken windows and stolen property, including money and electronic systems. It's not known how the suspect or suspects gained entry into the apartment complex, but the Morinville RCMP are reminding all residents to take precaution by locking doors at all times, removing valuables from the car, and parking in well-lit areas. **METRO EDMONTON**

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What's online today.

Video Officials say the next 48 hours will be crucial as wildfires threaten B.C. communities at metronews.ca/canada
Video Toronto residents rejoice as garbage collectors return to work after a long strike at metronews.ca/canada
Check movie showtimes, watch trailers and read reviews



PM set to announce Panama free-trade deal

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is expected to announce a free-trade deal with Panama next week when he meets with the right-wing supermarket magnate who won the presidency of the Central American country three months ago.

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Canada/World

Premiers take aim at 'Buy America' policy

Leaders gather to help PM repel U.S. protectionism

Canada's provincial and territorial leaders gather today in Regina amid urgent calls for them to help Prime Minister Stephen Harper repel U.S. protectionist "Buy America" trade policies.

Harper, who meets with U.S. President Barack Obama on Sunday, is banking on the premiers formally coming out against domestic discriminatory trading practices. The prime minister hopes any premiers' accord can be used as leverage by Obama to convince protectionists in the U.S. Congress to give Canadian firms an exemption from the Buy America provisions

Compromise

• Last week, the Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters and the Canadian Council of Chief Executives urged the prime minister and the premiers to come up with a trade-rules compromise.

sions being applied by state and local governments.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who is hosting the three-day meeting, said in an interview yesterday he believes some sort of an agreement can be reached.

"I sense a great deal of

consensus obviously amongst the provinces to say, 'Look, if we're going to be going down and pointing out the problems with the Buy America plan we do have to make sure our own house in order' ... We're always better off in free trade environments," said Wall.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty told reporters yesterday the premiers want "to enable the federal government to make a proposal to negotiate a new agreement that is specific to the stimulus monies coming out of Washington these days."

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Clinton secures release

JOURNALISTS North Korea said last night it had pardoned two jailed American journalists after former U.S. President Bill Clinton met the reclusive state's leader Kim Jong-il, a move some analysts said could pave the way to direct nuclear disarmament talks.

Clinton's spokesman said the former president had left Pyongyang with the two reporters and they were flying to Los Angeles.

Washington, which is keen not to be seen to reward the isolated North for its recent nuclear and missile tests, insisted the meeting was a private one by Clinton.

But Pyongyang, desperate for the recognition that direct talks with the

Advance decision

• The North Korean government had agreed in advance that the two jailed American journalists would be released to former president Bill Clinton, a senior administration official said yesterday.

Obama administration would bring, made clear it saw the visit in a much more official light.

The North's KCNA news agency said Clinton and Kim "had candid and in-depth discussions on the pending issues between the DPRK (North Korea) and the U.S. in a sincere atmosphere."

The two reporters, Euna

Lee, 36, and Laura Ling, 32, who work for Current TV, an American TV outlet co-founded by Clinton's vice president, Al Gore, had been sentenced to 12 years hard labour for illegally entering the North and committing "grave crimes."

"The families of Laura Ling and Euna Lee are overjoyed by the news of their pardon," said a statement posted on a website created to support the two journalists.

Clinton, husband of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, was the highest-level American to visit the reclusive communist state since his secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, went there in 2000.

REUTERS

News in brief

VIDEO A YouTube video showing a seven-year-old boy at the wheel of a sport utility vehicle — with his family cheering him on — has prompted an investigation by Quebec police and family services, police said yesterday. The video was apparently shot by the boy's father from the SUV's passenger seat as the boy drives and his mom and siblings watch from the back seat.

FLU As Canada expects to have enough antiviral drugs for everyone who needs them during a swine flu pandemic, ethicists are asking whether we should consider giving some away to the rest of the world. Provincial and territorial governments plan to increase the national stockpile of antiviral drugs to 55 million doses.

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CFB Trenton Mourning the fallen



Mourners carry roses to the casket of fallen Canadian soldier Cpl. Christian Bobbitt during a repatriation ceremony at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Ontario yesterday. Bobbitt was killed on Saturday in Afghanistan.

MIKE CASSIDY/REUTERS

Sudanese police officers break up pants protest

TRIAL Police used teargas to disperse protesters rallying in support of a Sudanese woman facing 40 lashes for wearing trousers in public yesterday, a case that has become a public test of Sudan's indecency laws.

Lubna Hussein, a former journalist and UN press officer, was arrested with 12 other women during a party at a Khartoum restaurant in July and charged with being indecently dressed.

Women's groups have complained the law gives no clear definition of indecent dress, leaving the decision of whether to arrest a woman up to individual police officers.

Dozens of men and women gathered outside a Khartoum court room where Hussein appeared yesterday, carrying banners with the message "No return to the dark ages."

REUTERS

Four killed in gym shooting

PENNSYLVANIA A man walked into a suburban Pittsburgh gym Tuesday evening and opened fire in a Latin dance class, killing three women before turning his weapon on himself and taking his own life, police said. Police told reporters outside the L.A. Fitness Center about 10 miles south of Pittsburgh, that the gunman entered the gym and opened fire in a rampage that left at least 10 people wounded.

REUTERS

News in brief

TERROR Australian police arrested four men they said were linked to a Somali militant group yesterday, accusing them of planning a suicide attack on an army base and

raising fears the al-Qaida-linked rebels were seeking targets outside Africa. The four were seized in raids in Melbourne.

FOOD India has asked UNICEF

to stop distributing millions of dollars worth of nutrition aid to children, saying it had been done without permission and at the expense of local food to fight hunger.

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Comment

Ode to the 'Father of Medicare'

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As Barack Obama tries to bring universal health care to the U.S.A. and the "Brooks Brothers Brigade" tries to stop him, let's take a quiet moment and give thanks

to ____ (fill in the deity of your choice) for medicare.

More than back bacon and our legendary tendency to go "eh?" it's what makes us Canadian.

In fact, we should erect a statue to Tommy Douglas, the Father of Medicare, right on the lawn of Parliament Hill. I'm sure we can warehouse a couple statues of Queen Victoria to make space.

I suspect that many of you reading this today born in the 1970s, '80s or '90s have no idea who Tommy Douglas was. A lit-

tle background: He was the premier of Saskatchewan who fought off the fiercely focused efforts of the medical lobby and a doctor's strike to get universal health care adopted in Saskatchewan, back in 1962. Four years later, Ottawa, under Lester Pearson (another statue, please), followed suit.

And now, when you're sick, you can get health care without being ruined, even if you have a "prior condition," unlike 47 million Americans. It's why we're so careful when we

go shopping for cheese across the border. We might break a leg and won't be able to crawl back to health care and safety.

I know, I know. There's a lot wrong with the system as currently constituted. The Fraser Institute (our own version of the Brooks Brothers Brigade) estimates health care will consume 100 per cent of provincial revenues by the year 2050 (it takes up more than half now), and the average wait time for surgery and other medical procedures is 17 weeks. The

good news: That's down from 18 weeks in 2007.

And we all have stories of being stacked up in a hospital corridor or getting treated in a broom closet while waiting for a bed. Inevitably, we're looking at a two-tier system where those who can will pay for preferential treatment, while the rest of us limp into the lineup.

Implementing a version of that two-tier system in America will cost \$1 trillion. But it's necessary — now more than ever as increased unemployment

brings increased loss of benefits.

It's funny. I remember Tommy Douglas as a little man with thick glasses and an annoying, adenoidal speaking style that would cause me to change channels if there was more than one, which, in 1962, there wasn't. But without that adenoidal little man, we'd all be up Meech Lake without a paddle.

Cue the statue.

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Word on the street: There have been conflicting opinions about whether or not the recession is over. Do you think we're on the road to recovery?

Kelly Cable

age 39,
Edmonton

A: Yes. If you take a look at the major banks and what the major companies have been able to do in the last quarter, it's pretty evident that the bottom has hit at least.

Caitlin Hay

age 27,
Edmonton

A: No, I think it's been too short. Don't these things take forever?

Brian Ball

age 23, Calgary

A: No. I heard about the deficit change in Alberta from \$4 billion to \$7 billion. That doesn't sound like we are on the road to recovery.

Andrea Ewer

age 22, Halifax

A: I haven't noticed any difference in my own personal life — I haven't noticed any up or down.

Yvan Levesque

age 57, Toronto

A: No. I don't think so. I think it's only starting to get better because in Toronto, everything is going up in price: Rent, food, everything except people's salaries.

Melanie Keast

age 33,
New Brunswick

A: I don't think we're over it yet. As Canadians I think we really need to keep track of how we spend and how we live, and learn to be smart spenders.



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PepsiCo deals welcome windfall for investors

PepsiCo Inc. won over its two largest bottlers by raising its takeover offers more than 20 per cent to \$7.8 billion, giving investors a welcomed but not unexpected windfall. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Ford on top in July

47% jump defies industry's 9-month slide

Ford has stunned the Canadian auto industry again by selling the most vehicles for the second consecutive month.

Showing that its run to the top of the market in June for the first time in 60 years was no fluke, Ford reported yesterday sales shot up a startling 47 per cent in July from the same month a year earlier.

Hyundai, whose sales soared 37 per cent, joined Ford among the few posting big gains in July as the overall market dropped 6.4

July sales for major automakers

Ford Motor Co.: 26,788 units sold — up 47.4 per cent
General Motors: 19,663 units sold — down 41.9 per cent
Toyota: 19,232 units sold — down 12.5 per cent

Chrysler: 15,958 units sold — down 10.4 per cent
Honda: 13,984 units sold — up 12.5 per cent
Hyundai: 10,488 units sold — up 37.8 per cent

per cent or almost 10,000 vehicles to 139,901.

It marked the ninth consecutive month that sales have dropped in Canada despite continuing incentives. But the decline is the smallest one during the pe-

riod and is fuelling hopes that the industry could be pulling out of a downturn. Sales for the first seven months of the year are still down 16.6 per cent to almost 861,000.

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India BlackBerry launch



Frenny Bawa, left, vice-president of Research In Motion's India operations, and Raghunath Mandava, chief marketing officer of Airtel, hold BlackBerry Curve 8520 smartphones during its launch in New Delhi yesterday.

Nortel enterprise sale OK'd by U.S., Canadian courts

COMMUNICATIONS Bankrupt Nortel Networks received U.S. and Canadian court approval yesterday to sell its enterprise business, further dismantling the company.

Nortel, based in Toronto, said it reached a "stalking horse" deal to sell the enterprise business, which makes networks for companies, to Avaya Inc. for \$475 million US after considering four potential bids. The agreement will set the floor for bidding in an auction, approved by courts in Delaware and Ontario through joint video-linked hearings.

Nortel had resolved 10 objections to the proposed bidding procedures, including those from potential bidders, Nortel's lead U.S. attorney said at yesterday's hearing.

The company filed for bankruptcy protection in Canada and the U.S. in January. **REUTERS**

Spending in U.S. rises in June

STATISTICS U.S. consumers spent more in June and pending sales of previously owned homes also rose, data issued yesterday showed, but the biggest drop in incomes in four-and-a-half years pointed to a slow recovery from the worst recession in decades.

Spending rose 0.4 per cent in June after a 0.1 per cent gain the previous month, the Commerce Department said, partly because of higher gasoline prices. But after adjusting

for inflation, spending, which accounts for over two-thirds of U.S. economic activity, fell 0.1 per cent after being flat in May. Savings slipped from a rising trend as consumers had to dig deeper to spend.

"As we turn the corner on this recession, we find the economy stabilizing but definitely not resurging. We're going to see fairly soft economic numbers for some time," said Pittsburgh economist Robert Dye. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

CASINOS Real estate tycoon Donald Trump and an affiliate of Bank of Nevada will buy Trump Entertainment Resorts for \$100 million US, the bankrupt casino operator said. Trump and Bank of Nevada's BNAC affiliate will own the privately held company. Trump, the group's founder and one-time chairman, resigned in February when bondholders demanded a Chapter 11 filing. The deal needs approval from a bankruptcy court. **REUTERS**

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DeAndre' Cobb, rookie running back of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was named the CFL's offensive player of the week yesterday. Hamilton linebacker Jamall Johnson took home the defensive award, Arkee Whitlock of the Edmonton Eskimos was named special-teams player of the week and Saskatchewan Roughriders slotback Chris Getzalf was top Canadian. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Zherdev a free agent

Nikolai Zherdev, left, has become an unrestricted free agent after the New York Rangers walked away from the \$3.9-million salary US arbitration award to the winger. An arbitrator awarded Zherdev \$3.9 million on Sunday, \$650,000 more than the \$3.25-million qualifying offer tabled by the Rangers. Zherdev, 24, appeared in 82 games with the Rangers last season, recording 23 goals and 35 assists with 39 penalty minutes.

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Sports in brief

FORMULA ONE Bernie Ecclestone says Formula One will return to Montreal next season. Ecclestone, the head of the F1 circuit, said in yesterday's edition of Motorsport Aktuell magazine that "we'll be driving in Montreal again in 2010."

OLYMPICS Canada won't bid for the 2018 Winter Olympics, but is considering a bid to host the 2022 Games. The 2018 Games is too soon after next year's Vancouver Olympics for Canada to play host again, says Chris Rudge, the chief executive officer of the Canadian Olympic Committee.

CANUCKS Chris Zimmerman is stepping down as president and chief executive officer of the Vancouver Canucks. Zimmerman, a former Nike executive, is leaving the job he's held for the last three years for family reasons, the team said yesterday in a statement. Mike Gillis, the Canucks general manager, will also take on the role of president. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ruling could be calm before the desert storm

The NHL, Jim Balsillie, various bidders, creditors and other interested parties with a stake in the Phoenix Coyotes are today waiting for a ruling from bankruptcy judge Redfield T. Baum, hoping to get some sense of the team's future.

The only sure bet is that, whatever the judge rules, someone is going to be severely

Baum is expected to hand down a decision on how the Sept. 10 auction of the Coyotes will be conducted, including whether Canadian billionaire Balsillie will be allowed to participate or whether it will be restricted to the two bidders who

intend, after reworking the team's arena lease, to keep the team in the Phoenix suburb of Glendale.

Balsillie, of course, wants to move the team to Hamilton and is pursuing his purchase of the team even though he has been unanimously rejected by the NHL's governors as a potential owner.

But don't expect today's ruling to be definitive or for it to end the soap opera-like drama that has surrounded the Coyotes bankruptcy. Even Baum conceded that how-

ever the auction unfolds, it will likely be followed by endless litigation.

This case has been steeped in angry rhetoric and finger pointing. Even yesterday, reacting to confidential information leaked on Friday — details of the concessions Jerry Reinsdorf was seeking from Glendale in his bid — Baum yesterday ordered Jerry Moyes, owner of the Coyotes, to show why he should not be held in contempt of court.

Baum ordered Moyes, his wife Vickie and their attorneys to appear at a show-cause hearing today after they allegedly violated the confidentiality order issued by the judge.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Blue Jays Yankees take Doc deep



Toronto starting pitcher Roy Halladay stands on the mound as New York's Johnny Damon rounds the bases behind him after hitting a home run in the eighth inning last night during the Yankees' 5-3 win over the Blue Jays.

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Workology

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Women's softball at SFU

Simon Fraser University held a sod-turning ceremony yesterday for a playing field for its women's softball team, which has been without a home field since its inception in 1990. The project is being funded by a \$500,000 donation from the Keith and Betty Beedie Foundation to SFU Athletics' Bring Our Teams Home campaign.

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A playwright's tale

Writing for the stage can be a hard and lonely business



Creating a play demands imagination, deep pockets and a full commitment to the story, playwright Catherine Banks says.

Backstage Pass

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

The process of getting a play out of the writer's head and onto the stage is a long and winding one. Governor General Award-winning playwright Catherine Banks wrote her first play in 1983. She learned a lot from the process, but it never saw the light of stage; her first performed play came in 1991.

"I started writing that

play the week I brought my newborn daughter home from (the hospital) and it was produced the year she entered primary," the Nova Scotian playwright says of *The Summer of the Piping Plover*. "It felt really wonderful when that play opened because I had learned I could do it."

Playwriting can be a hard, lonely business, with no guarantee your work will ever be performed. Banks' big breakthrough came last year, when *Bone Cage* won the coveted GG.

"It was validation shot through with joy!" she says.

Getting a play performed can be an arduous process. She had to secure funding from government agencies and sink a lot of her own cash into *Bone Cage*. By then, Banks was fully committed to the play's darkly humorous story of Jamie and Chicky growing up in rural Nova Scotia.

"Why would any character ever come to me again if I didn't see the characters of *Bone Cage* all the way to the stage?" she wonders.

Once a company picks up a play, there's the tricky process of turning a playwright's imagination into reality.

"Even when I set out to write a play that will be easily produced, in the course of writing the play it takes me to a place where I have to make a decision: Will I or won't I allow the play to take me where it needs to go?" Banks says. Can theatre companies afford to stage it? Are there too many/too few roles? Are the technical requirements possible?

"Only once have I made a concession to make a play 'more producible,' I reduced the script by one actor. In the end, I had to produce the play myself anyway and now I have a play with a ghost," she

laments.

After studying acting at university, Banks honed her skills at local writing workshops. Many institutes such as Dalhousie University offer courses on playwriting as part of theatre programs. UBC offers an MFA in creative

writing and theatre (playwriting) and students at Concordia can major in playwriting.

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Kizashi coming

Suzuki recently debuted the 2010 Kizashi, the company's first entry into the all-wheel drive sport sedan segment. The flagship model arrives in North America this winter.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

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VW Eos: Hello sunshine

Weekend trips made easy with roomy convertible

JIL MCINTOSH
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There really aren't any bad convertibles on a sunny day, but some are better than others, and the Volkswagen Eos is a very good one.

At a base price of \$35,975, it isn't cheap. But it holds four people, and its retractable hardtop (no soft roof is available) means it can comfortably handle winter weather as well.

Based on the Rabbit platform, the Eos uses a 200-horsepower turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine, with a six-speed manual or optional six-speed

Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG) in Trendline or Comfortline trim. My top-line Silver-Red Edition tester comes only with the DSG, and starts at \$44,575.

The DSG, also called a dual-clutch, is probably one of the best developments since transmissions first learned to shift themselves. It contains two gearboxes with clutches between them, one with even-numbered gears, the other with odd-numbered. As soon as you're in first gear, the other side has second gear ready, so the shifts are almost immediate. Once that's done, third gear gets ready, and so on. These transmissions are

Based on the Rabbit platform, the Volkswagen Eos is a convertible for both summer and winter.



silky-smooth and all but seamless, along with in-

creased fuel economy.

The retractable roof puts on quite a show when it operates, although it's so complicated that I'd think about an extended warranty for long-term ownership. Unusually, it includes an integrated sunroof, which can be slid open when the top is up.

The roof folds into the trunk, and there's enough space when it's down that you can stow luggage for a weekend trip. The rear seat includes a pass-through for longer items such as skis.

The Eos is great to drive: power comes on smoothly,

torque steer is well-managed, handling is accurate and the steering is nicely weighted. Even when the top is down, it feels confidently solid and tight, with no rattles or cowl shake.

Volkswagen seats aren't cushy, which leads some to question their comfort; the secret is in the support they provide. Spend any length of time in the Eos' front seats and you'll understand. The rear seat provides more headroom than expected with the roof up, but it's a chore to squeeze back there, and the chairs are narrow.

2009 Volkswagen Eos

Type: Sports convertible
Price: from \$35,975
Engine: 2L four-cylinder turbocharged
HP: 200

Highlights

- Hold four people
- Dual-clutch technology ensures smooth shifting
- Functional interior

Interior materials are good-quality and precisely fitted, with just enough metallic trim to look good but not garish. Big dials and simple controls make it easy to make adjustments with little time spent looking away from the road, and the two upper trims include dual-zone automatic climate control that you can set once and then forget.

Compared with other retractable hardtops on the market, it's probably the best bet for the price, offering the fun of a topless car with all-weather ability. Drop that roof, and let the sun shine in.

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

Read this week's column at metronews.ca/autopilot

Dazed And Confused

Most Drivers Lost When Looking For The Lowest Car Insurance Rates

Why Is It So Hard To Find The Best Rates?

The truth is, it isn't as difficult as it seems once you know where to look. It pays to shop around – and car insurance is no different. But with so many insurance companies providing car insurance in Alberta, getting references and competitive quotes from everyone takes too much time, right? Wrong. This is where InsuranceHotline.com can help. InsuranceHotline.com offers an independent, unbiased rate comparison from over 20 insurance companies to find you the lowest rate for your profile. It is fast, safe and FREE.

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2010 Acura RDX ready to go on sale

NEW MODEL The 2010 Acura RDX goes on sale across Canada next week with a fresh new exterior look, a more luxurious interior, new technology features and improved fuel economy. Externally, the CUV receives numerous changes resulting in a more aggressive, sporty appearance. It gets a new front fascia, Acura's signature front grille, a hood with a new front edge design and updated HID headlights. The RDX receives several new standard interior features, including a rear view camera system, electronic compass, auto-function headlights, a centre console storage tray and USB-port connectivity.

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It's Fiesta time

Six Ford Fiestas have arrived in Halifax from Europe, in preparation for a cross-country tour. The vehicles will provide many Canadian consumers their first opportunity to see the model. The North American version arrives in Canada next summer. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Clunkers are people too

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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What do you make of this "cash for clunkers" deal? I think I'll sit on the fence on this one for a bit longer, because it affords a good view, and that allows me to emulate my hero, Yogi Berra, who once wisely remarked, "you can observe a lot just by watching."

For those of you not following the story, "cash for clunkers" is the unofficial name of a U.S. program that pays owners \$3,500 to \$4,500 if they trade-in and scrap their "clunkers" for new, fuel-efficient vehicles.

This is supposed to stimulate the economy and "green" the fleet.

The U.S. got the idea from Germany, who started its "cash for clunkers" program back in January (though they called it something like "Knock-wurst oder Marks for Autos das Crappy und Kaput").

As "stimulus" to buy new vehicles, the programs are widely successful. The U.S. program was scheduled to run from July 28 through Nov. 1, 2009, or when the allocated funds of U.S.\$1 billion were exhausted, whichever came first.

The money didn't last a week.

Canadian Environment Minister, Jim Prentice, publicly stated he'd announce

a decision by September, whether Canada will pony up for such a heightened scrappage program.

A lot of people are unaware that we've always had scrappage programs. The latest iteration, called Retire Your Ride, was introduced this past January. It is funded by Environment Canada and managed by the Clean Air Foundation (CAF).

Under this program, owners of vehicles made during or before 1995 can scrap their vehicles in ex-

"\$300 is not nearly enough to get somebody to give up a road-worthy clunker, but \$3,500 to \$4,500 will certainly do the trick."

change for various incentives, like public transit passes, membership in car sharing programs, discounts toward the purchase of a bicycle, or \$300 in cash. Incentives vary by province and are delivered by local agencies working with CAF.

So far, this has not induced droves of Canadians to trade in their pre-1995 vehicles. What we've learned recently then, is that \$300 is not nearly enough to get somebody to give up a road-worthy clunker, but \$3,500 to



Canada already has a scrappage program called Retire Your Ride which offers people various incentives for turning in their clunkers.

\$4,500 will certainly do the trick and then some — and

might in fact be overkill.

Canadian politicians are wavering, and U.S. politicians are in a huge debate about whether to continue the program, because, well, it's a hell of a lot of money to spend on one sector of the economy, even with the expected benefits to the environment.

On those matters I'll let them grapple. What I'm mulling over, up on my fence post, is how a successful scrappage program of any stripe might erode the honourable tradition of "clunker culture."

A lot of us have had to drive a clunker sometime in our lives and I'd like to think we're better people for it. We've learned how to rip duct tape with our bare hands and bare teeth, how to twist off a hot radiator cap with someone else's sweatshirt, and how to accept certain and inevitable calamities with maybe not grace, but at least something in that general direction.

Where are we going to learn stuff like that, when all the 1991 Chevy Cavaliers are gone?

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Audi, Suzuki celebrate 100th year

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News



Audi celebrated its 100th year last month, and it has a lot to celebrate.

It is launching an exciting new model, the A5 Sportback, and some great stats.

In 2008 it delivered a record million cars globally, for the first time, achieved its best-ever revenue figure, and a record profit-before-tax total of 3.177 billion Euros.

Mean-

while Suzuki blows out the candles on its 100th birthday cake in October. The Japanese company started out creating weaving looms, then motorbikes, followed by its first car, the Suzulight, in 1955.

Last year they sold 2.3 million cars worldwide. Of the 11

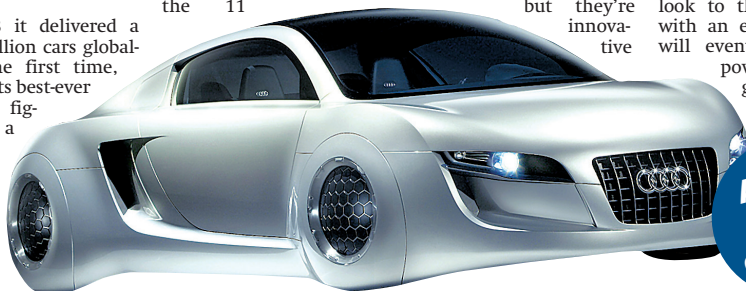
million cars on the roads of India, more than 7.5 million are Suzukis.

Finally, the world's oldest independent sports car company, Morgan hits 100. Its handbuilt models, including the Morgan 4/4 might look like they were conceived 100 years ago, but they're innovative

at heart.

These lovingly-crafted, bespoke cars have always been forward-looking: They are lightweight, low-emissions, long-lasting and made with renewable materials (including English ash wood).

Morgan continues to look to the future, now with an electric car that will eventually be part-powered by hydrogen fuel cell.



Audi's RSQ concept



The Suzulight, Suzuki's first car built in 1955.



Morgan's space age Aero 8.

iLounge.com notes that Apple has added a new Travel Guide section to the iTunes Store. "Found on the right-hand side of the main iTunes storefront under More In Music, (it) offers links to destination applications, podcasts, audiobooks" and lots more. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Travel at the iTunes Store

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Standing room

According to the International Airline Passengers Association (IAPA), "at least two very low-cost carriers are entertaining the idea of transporting passengers in an upright manner — standing up! ... Spring Air, China's self-proclaimed first low-cost carrier is looking for permission from regulators to install 'standing seats' that would cost less than traditional seats... (and Ryanair) is looking to Boeing for a design that would permit stools or railings for passengers to be strapped to." See iapa.com for more details. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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A taste of London's museums

The city's gallery fare is now decidedly less institutional

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Metro World News

Traditionally, having a bite to eat in a London museum never meant anything more sophisticated than an expensive cheese sandwich or a wedge of sponge cake.

However, the restaurants in the city's cultural storehouses are now becoming dining destinations in themselves, some with tremendous views of city landmarks.

The newly-refurbished Portrait Restaurant, at the top of the National Portrait Gallery on Trafalgar Square, has amazing views over the city, taking in Nelson's column, the London Eye, the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben. It's a romantic place for a dinner date, with lights twinkling from London's most famous sights.

The food is pretty impressive too, with a fine dining menu of dishes that use local, seasonal and organic ingredients. Starters include Monmouthshire air-dried ham with a fried duck egg; mains including plaice with brown shrimp and lemon and horseradish



Left, the newly refurbished Portrait Restaurant at the top of the National Portrait Gallery. Right, the Upper Deck at the London Transport Museum.



butter.

During the daytime you can feast on a traditional afternoon tea with sandwiches, home made cakes, biscuits and scones with jam and clotted cream (from about \$30 for two courses, npg.org.uk/live/portrest).

The neighbouring National Gallery is home to

2,300 of the most famous works of Western European art including Van Gogh's Sunflowers — as well as a great restaurant, the National Dining rooms.

This is a relaxed but sophisticated dining experience, with fun twists on typical British dishes using local, seasonal ingredients. There's a choice of fine dining or the brasserie-style menu in the Bakery with comfort food including beef and ale stew, shepherd's pie, quiches, hot pies, and homemade cakes.

Exotic dishes on the à la carte menu include crab, pea and samphire salad; Newlyn lemon sole with mussels, leeks, sorrel and

wild nettles; and Eton mess or Elderflower posset for desert.

Each month, the chef celebrates a different British county, bringing you fresh produce and classic modern dishes from the region. (from \$9, thenationaldiningrooms.co.uk).

For views of a different London icon, dine at the Blueprint Café, the restaurant at the Design Museum where you can watch boats cruise down the Thames and under the majestic Tower Bridge.

Follow your visit to an exhibition at the museum about a key design movement, architect or fashion designer with a dinner that

celebrates the best of British dining.

You know it's an exciting dining experience when there are ingredients on the menu that you won't recognize them — the chef here is inspired by historic English and Scottish dishes.

There are also plenty of more straightforward options, from chicken and rabbit pie to grilled loin of Middle White pork, all to be enjoyed as you watch the Docklands and the City of London using the binoculars that you'll find on your dining table (from about \$27 for two courses, blueprintcafe.co.uk).

More details

- npg.org.uk/live/portrest
- thenationaldiningrooms.co.uk
- blueprintcafe.co.uk
- wallacecollection.org
- ltmuseum.co.uk

Another romantic option the restaurant at the Wallace Collection is a good bet. The museum based in a historic London town house has a wonderful collection of French 18th century Old Masters, furniture and porcelain featuring cherubs and elegant ladies in billowing satin frocks.

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Well-curated menus at London's museums

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You'll find the brasserie-style restaurant in the grand, glass-covered courtyard at the heart of the building, where you can have a very affordable salad or terrine for lunch, or splash out on oysters and caviar (from \$12, wallacecollection.org)

And if you're looking for something more informal, visit the Upper Deck at London Transport Museum in Covent Garden.

After learning how the London Underground was used as a bomb shelter during the Second World War, you can snack on high-quality, typically British bites for lunch including cheese on toast, fish-finger sandwiches with organic ketchup or Cumberland sausage sandwiches, followed by brownies or treacle tart or an Underground-themed smoothie.

Decide to go for dinner in the evening after a hard day of cultural appreciation and you'll be able to chill out on the benches upholstered in a "moquette" fabric design based on the pattern used on the Northern line in the 1930s.

Wash down your dinner with an underground-inspired cocktail including the Routemaster, Anorak or Metropolitan Mixture. (from \$5.50, ltmuseum.co.uk).



At the Blueprint Café, the restaurant at London's Design Museum, you can watch boats cruise down the Thames and under the majestic Tower Bridge.

Top cities to visit with children



Santa Domingo church in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Many cities can be overwhelming for young travellers, but some are as much fun for the kids as the grown-ups. Lonely Planet's Travel With Children guide lists the top 10 cities around the world that are ideal to visit with children.

1 Oaxaca, Mexico: This colourful Mexican city is pint-sized, charming and fun to explore on foot. A central plaza provides plenty of run-around space for kids and there's a vibrant market; visitmexico.com.

2 Istanbul: With its mosques, palaces, museums, bazaars, multicoloured carpets, food markets, Bosphorus cruises and sweet apple tea, children will be fascinated and enchanted at every turn; tourismturkey.org.

3 London: You could stay in London for a whole year and find interesting things to do with the children every day. In summer don't miss out on playing in the fountains at Somerset House where there's an outdoor ice-

skating rink in the winter; visitlondon.com.

4 Los Angeles: A good destination for teenagers — choose between the original Disneyland, Universal Studios and Santa Monica. There's heaps to see and do in this sprawling city that encapsulates the American Dream; discoverlosangeles.com.

5 Vancouver: Vancouver is frequently named the most liveable city in the world. There's lots of water as well as beaches, a huge urban park (Stanley Park) and numerous hiking and biking trails. In addition, all the attractions of the Rocky Mountains are just over 100 kilometres away; vancouver.ca/visitors.htm.

6 Lisbon: With trams trundling up to a castle, a state-of-the-art aquarium and a fascinating museum that explores Portugal's great seafaring past, this city captivates kids. The fairy-tale town of Sintra, too, is a just a short train ride away; see lisbon-guide.info. **REUTERS**



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Student aims to shatter stereotypes

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada



Charles Collantes knows how it feels to be in the minority.

When the 29-year-old nursing student at York University began his program, he was among but a handful of future male nurses, stacked against nearly 50 female colleagues.

"It was pretty nerve-racking at first, knowing that once I entered the classroom, I was expecting only two or three guys," said Collantes. "But after a while, I got used to it."

Collantes' classroom isn't so far gone from the hospital room. At present, men comprise only about six per cent of registered nurses in Canada, according to a

2005 trend report published by the Canadian Institute for Health Information. The gender imbalance marks a role reversal of sorts for men, who historically dominated the medical profession as physicians until females began closing the disparity.

"I feel that time for nursing is about to come, as well," said Collantes, "but because of the way everybody perceives nursing as a female-dominated profession, it takes a bit of getting used to, hearing males are getting into nursing."

Collantes has witnessed the stereotype in action at the hospital where he's currently completing an academic placement. When patients, male or female, enter the hospital, he said they expect a female nurse



"I feel that time for nursing is about to come," says male nursing student Charles Collantes.

and sometimes request one when presented with a male.

"As a professional, we try to talk to them about it

and make them aware," he says. "If you have a male doctor, you accept them, but if you have a male nurse, you don't. It doesn't make a difference between a female doctor and a male nurse."

James D'Astolfo, founder and president of the Canadian Men in Nursing Group, said male presence in nursing has a long way

to go, not just to break the stereotype, but to fuel a forecasted Canadian nursing shortage.

"If we don't start to attract more nurses into the profession, we're going to see a huge deficit within the health-care system ... Encouraging more men into the profession will certainly help with the nursing shortages that we have

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Charles Collantes

and that we're going to face, come 2011."

By that time, the Canadian Nurses Association predicts Canada will be short 78,000 nurses, that number rising to 113,000 in 2016. The deficiency can, in part, be attributed to the mass retirement of nurses, whose average age verged 50 in 2005.

To account for the predicted shortfall, D'Astolfo said he wants the government to recognize it and promote recruitment and retention within nursing.

"We would love to see a national program where the government is involved in marketing campaigns to recruit more nurses into the profession," he said.

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Jackman joins Barnum musical

Hugh Jackman will unleash his singing skills on screen for a musical focused on legendary showman P.T. Barnum. Jenny Bicks is writing the script for Fox. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Entertainment

EDITOR: DEAN.LISK@METRONWS.CA



The Brit Awards

Britney Spears has done it again. The singer has been nominated for seven MTV Video Music Awards. Last year, the pop princess took home three Moon Man trophies for Piece of Me. **ONLINE.COM**

Filmmakers toying around

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

If Hollywood gets its way this weekend, we will all soon be going to theatres to take in thrillers about Stretch Armstrong, He-Man and even the popular board game Monopoly.

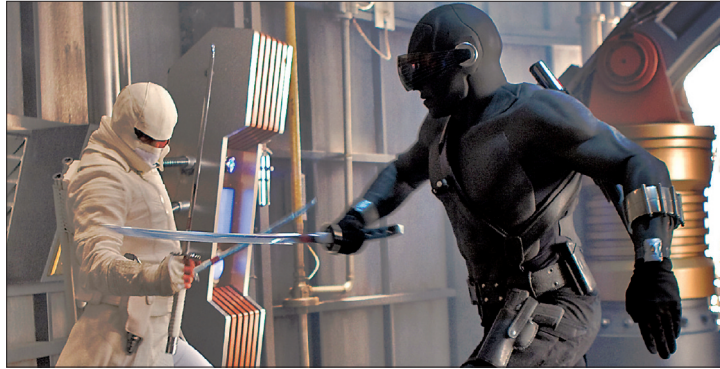
That's because this Friday's theatrical release of G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra will firmly establish the latest trend in filmmaking — movies based on popular toys.

Of course, it's not a completely novel idea. Even before Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen racked up over \$380 million (and counting) this summer, there had been earlier proverbial dips of the toe in the toy genre.

But why have retro-toy movies become so popular? "It's an escape from economic issues, woes and stress," said Transformers star Megan Fox recently. "People need to get away from reality and I think watching a movie about toys is a good way to numb your brain to things you don't want to be dealing with in life."

That nostalgic flight may be influential but there's also an entirely more strategic game working behind the scenes. With two major toy companies (Hasbro, Mattel) now aggressively paired with Hollywood's top talent agencies, it seems the toymakers are cross-pollinating their product with the cinema directly.

In fact, Hasbro (both



G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra, which is based on the popular toy line, opens in theatres this Friday.

Transformers and G.I. Joe) has set up a six-year deal with Universal Pictures to obtain more authority on their toys' image.

"I think what we're see-

ing in the world at large is the power of brands distinguishing themselves," Universal Pictures Chairman Marc Shmuger recently told The Business Insider. "As

we're gripped with fear and anxiety, we look for something we can rely on and trust ... so the value of brands has changed, (and with it) what the owners of

Movie feature

the brands want to accomplish changes too."

In addition to the aforementioned toys being turned into movies, other products in film development include board games like Battleship (with Hancock director Peter Berg attached) and Candy Land (written by Tropic Thunder's Etan Cohen).

As well, expect future movies about Hot Wheels, Masters of the Universe and even 1960s-era action figure Major Matt Mason — which is linked to none other than Tom Hanks. And when you've pervaded the influence of such A-list actors as Hanks, you know you've made it in Hollywood.

Deals could add millions to Jackson estate

PEOPLE An attorney for the executors of Michael Jackson's estate said yesterday that deals worked out in partnership with the King of Pop's concert promoter could provide millions of dollars to his estate.



Jackson

Since his death in June, numerous reports have speculated that concert promoter AEG Live and the executors of Jackson's estate were working on arrangements to make videos, DVDs and other merchandise based on the Thriller singer's planned comeback.

Attorney Howard Weitzman, who represents Jackson's longtime lawyer John Branca and music industry executive John McClain, the two executors of Jackson's will, said after a court hearing Monday that Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff, who is overseeing matters related to the estate, will likely approve business agreements at an Aug. 10 hearing.

REUTERS

critics'corner

The Philanthropist

Rhoda Shivpuri (guest star Sarita Choudhury), one of Teddy and Philip's (James Purefoy, Jesse L. Martin) college friends, asks for help negotiating with the Indian and Pakistani governments in an effort to rebuild the water system in the Kashmir region. Philip and Dax (Michael Kenneth Williams) must lead a desperate manhunt after Teddy goes missing in a war-torn sector. Neve Campbell also stars in the new episode "Kashmir." 8 PM on CTV, 11 PM on KHQ



The Next Food Network Star

In "Miami Up All Night," the remaining four finalists prepare to head to Miami for their next challenge, but first they must create a dish for one of OTG Management's restaurants at JetBlue's Terminal 5 at JFK Airport in New York. The finalists then go to Miami to cater a swanky party at the fabulous Nikki Beach nightclub. 8 PM on FOOD

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3	KHQ	-	370	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy!	Wheel-Fortune	The Tudors (DVS)	America's Got Talent	Philanthropist		
4	CBXT	-	307	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Dragon's Den (HDTV)		CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	The Hour		
6	KREM	-	372	News	Hollywood	The Doctors		Old Christine	Gary Unmarr	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	CSI: NY	
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19	CHTV	-	-	The Insider (N)	El News	Psych (N)		Kendra	Kendra	Women on Top	Women on Top	CHCA News
22	KSPS	-	374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Make 'em Laugh: Funny		Time Team America (N)		The Head (DVS)	Wings Over	
24	WTWS	-	364	Facing the Mortgage Crisis		Green Builders (HDTV)		Keeping Up	Being Served	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
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14	YTV	552	543	iCarly	iCarly	In Real Life "The Circus"		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	Falcon Beach
17	TREE	553	546	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Comfy Couch	Big & Small	Max & Ruby	Babar	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Go, Diego, Go!
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25	A&E	615	520	Dog the Bounty Hunter		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Criss Angel Mindfreak		Dog the Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter
26	MMM	571	581	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Entourage	Gene Simmons	(9:02) The Daily Fix		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Entourage
29	FOOD	603	561	Iron Chef America		The Next Food Network Star		Opening Soon	Opening Soon	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Driver, Drive-In
31	SHOW	617	522	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		The Guard (HDTV)		Destination: Infestation (2007, Suspense)		
32	DISC	520	505	Deadliest Catch		Mayday "Fanning the Flames"		Daily Planet		Day of the Shark 2		Mighty Ships
33	SLICE	601	562	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	ET Canada	Til Debt-Part	Real Housewives OC		Trading Sp
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35	SLC	521	560	I Didn't Know	I Didn't Know	Toddler's Tiaras (N)		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	I Didn't Know	I Didn't Know	Toddler-Tiara
36	BRAVO	620	523	Wingfield		Borradale's Century		Law & Order		Without a Trace		The War Zone
38	SPIKE	628	584	Ultimate Fighting Championship 95: Sanchez vs. Stevenson (HDTV)				Sea Hunters		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Amazing Video
40	HIST	522	506	Ice Road Truckers		NCIS "Grace Period"		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		Ice Road Truckers		Sandhogs
41	COM	626	547	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Jon Dore Show
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44	WPCH	294	650	(6) Bandits ** (2001, Comedy)		Seinfeld		Bandits ** (2001, Comedy) Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton.				
46	OLN	411	457	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Dog the Bounty Hunter	Survivorman	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters
48	TROP	619	525	North of 60		The Crow: Stairway to Heaven		What Happen?	What Happen?	Are You Smarter		Family Guy
50	STAR	621	527	Canada's Next Top Model		Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien		TMZ	Living the Life	Canada's Next Top Model		Ellen Show
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93	VISION	261	394	Doc Martin		Recreat. Eden	Preup	Poltgergeist: The Legacy		Jonestown: Peoples Temple		
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Michael Douglas' son Cameron Douglas has been arrested in New York on a drug charge, according to media reports. Douglas, 30, was arrested at the Hotel Gansevoort in Manhattan and faces a methamphetamine-dealing charge. **PEOPLE.COM**

Douglas son's drug charge

Celebrity Buzz

Mischa gets off to a rough start

STUMBLING BLOCKS Mischa Barton's return to her social life hasn't been going too smoothly, according to Page Six.

A source spotted the actress out Saturday night in NYC's West Village where Barton was "having a disastrous dinner" with a group of girls.

"She was upset and talking frantically into her phone about having a stalker," the source said. "Her friends were trying to console her, but she went outside and chain-smoked cigarettes."

The next night, Barton attended a party where someone spilled a drink on her dress.

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Hilton mom remembers Michael

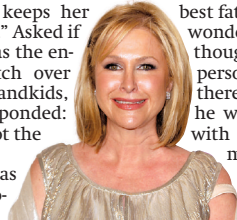
NOSTALGIA Kathy Hilton, Paris' mom, was devastated by the recent loss of her lifelong "special friend" Michael Jackson, people.com reports.

"I have never lost anybody that I went to school with that I was close to in a friendship (that lasted) all these years," she told People.

Hilton believes that the late singer's mother Katherine will be a positive guardian for the kids. "I adore Mrs. Jackson.

Katherine is the rock," said Hilton. "It is like Camp Jackson, all of those kids. All the aunts, the uncles, the children come there. She plays Scrabble with them. She loves it. I think that's what keeps her really young." Asked if Katherine has the energy to watch over her three grandkids, Hilton responded: "Oh, she's got the energy."

Hilton has fond memo-



ries of Jackson: "He was so much more normal than people know. He really was. He loved to giggle and have fun. I spent time with him, had dinners," she said. "He was the best father ... He was a wonderful, kind, thoughtful, caring person. He would be there for people and he was so generous with his time and money."

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Details on Jude's fling emerge

THE NITTY-GRITTY More details are emerging about how Jude Law first met Samantha Burke, the American model who is pregnant with the actor's fourth child.

The pair met in January outside a New York nightclub after it closed at 4 a.m., according to the Sun, when Law took Burke to

a nearby diner before retiring to his hotel room.

Sources say the affair lasted barely a week. Pals of Burke insist she was no party animal before meeting Law.

"She's actually innocent and inexperienced when it comes to men," a high school friend told the newspaper.

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'I'm not, but if I was...'

FANNING THE FLAMES If Gerard Butler was dating Jennifer Aniston, he'd say he'd be the first to admit it, people.com reports.

"If I was, I would say I was," the actor told British TV show GMTV. Butler, 39, has been repeatedly linked to Aniston, 40, with whom he's currently filming The Bounty.

But even though the two look cozy in photos, he says there is

nothing to it. "It's just that if you're not married in Hollywood and you're working with somebody else who's single, you're having a thing with her."

But to add fuel to the fire, Butler says he's looking forward to sharing some kisses with her on set. "I'm excited ... I'm lucky — yeah, I know."

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Nick ticks off the tax man

WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW Nicolas Cage has reportedly run afoul of the tax man to the tune of \$6.3 million US, which might explain why a number of his homes, including spots in New Orleans and Hollywood, are on the market, according to the Daily Mail.

The IRS has filed court pa-

pers seeking millions from Cage for the 2007 fiscal year, when he starred in four films, including National Treasure: Book of Secrets and Ghost Rider. Cage settled another tax dispute last year by paying nearly \$1 million to the IRS.

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Mom pulls bid to control MJ estate

LEGAL Now that she's been granted custody of her grandchildren, Katherine Jackson has withdrawn her petition to be put in charge of Michael Jackson's \$500 million estate, according to Hollyscoop. Debbie Rowe, biological mother of the older two, will still have visitation rights.

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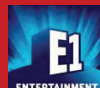
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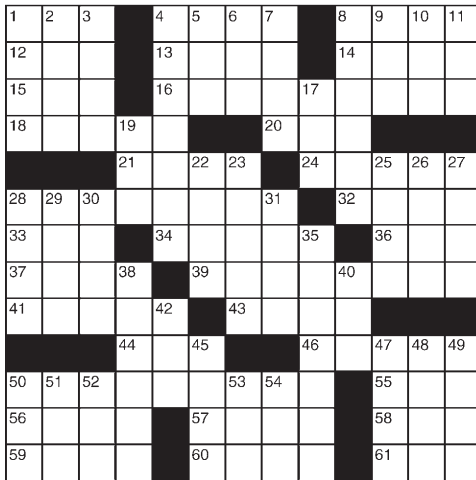




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- 28 Likely loser
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- 33 "A pox upon thee!"
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- 39 Carnival goer's lunch, maybe

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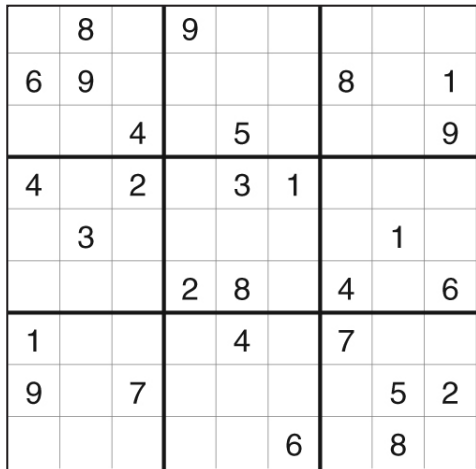
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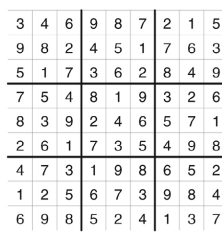
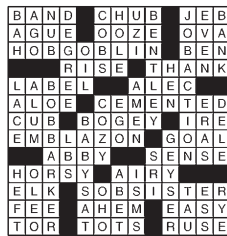
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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
There really is no limit to what you can accomplish, though your efforts are more likely to bring success if you focus on what is important.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
Don't waste time dreaming and scheming of ways to turn back the clock. You know it can't be done.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone you are close to will be emotionally demanding, but if you put yourself out for them now it will save you a lot of problems later on.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
You are not the type to keep your opinions to yourself but be aware that if you deliberately antagonize someone today, they will hit back at you later.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
What you do with your life is limited only by the boundaries you allow your mind to impose on your actions. There are no limits. All things are possible.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21
If you feel like packing your bags and heading off into the wide blue yonder by all means do so. Don't hesitate for even a second.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22
The Sun in the most worldly area of your chart makes this a good time to look at what you own and earn. Try something different.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20
Life moves in cycles and the cycle you are experiencing seems like you are taking too many backward steps.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23
This is one of the best times of the year for getting things done, both in your personal life and in your work, so don't hold back.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18
You tend to see the world in terms of black and white, but at some point today you will realize that too narrow a viewpoint can be self-defeating.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22
The Sun's transit of the most sensitive sector of your chart means you won't be able to fool either yourself or other people.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20
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Metro Recipe of the Day



Two-cheese Soufflé

INGREDIENTS:
5 large eggs
3/4 cup (175 ml) 1% milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
Several dashes hot red pepper sauce
1/3 cup (75 ml) shredded Colby cheese
1/3 cup (75 ml) shredded Swiss cheese

METHOD:

1. Separate eggs. Discard 2 yolks. Place egg whites in medium bowl. Place egg yolks in small bowl. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 325°F (160°C). Make foil collar and attach to 1-1/2-qt (1.5-l) soufflé dish. Lightly grease foil collar and soufflé dish. In small pot, whisk milk, flour, salt and red pepper sauce. Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until mixture starts to thicken. Cook and stir 2 minutes

more, until thickened and bubbly. Add cheese and stir until melted. Remove from heat.
3. Whisk egg yolks until light. Add some hot cheese mixture to yolks, then slowly whisk all of yolk mixture into cheese mixture.
4. With electric mixer on high, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Stir one-fourth of whites into hot cheese mixture, then quickly fold in remaining whites. Spoon into prepared soufflé dish. Make top hat. Bake 45 minutes or until puffy and golden. Serve immediately.

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